

FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office
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Announcements

FEMA Provides Funding For Orleans Criminal Sheriff's Office

FEMA has awarded the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office \$7.7 million to use for the construction of a new four-story, comprehensive administration building.

"This grant supports the sheriff's alternate project request, enabling the office to combine funding previously provided for five of their damaged facilities and destroyed contents from other facilities into an all-inclusive administration facility," said FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan.

The new facility will be part of the larger Orleans Parish Prison system recovery project currently underway. Hurricane Katrina damaged the local jail system, commonly known as the Templeman facilities, as well as devastating an original 1960's building – called the "fisk building" or men's work release building. The new post-Katrina administrative building consolidates various pre-storm facilities into one.

Per FEMA's recent approval, funds from these damaged facilities and contents will be applied to the construction of the new 70,217-square-foot administration building, which will be attached and share common walls with a larger consolidation project currently under review by FEMA.

The larger consolidation project proposes a new 370,000-square-foot facility for inmate housing (Templeman 3 and 4) and an intake processing center. The new facility's design includes enough beds for 1,438 inmates, the same number as pre-Katrina.

To date, FEMA has obligated approximately \$223 million in Public Assistance funding to the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office for work necessary to restore their various facilities damaged during hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

FEMA Establishes Disaster Acquisition Response Team

The newest team to FEMA's Office of the Chief Procurement Office (OCPO) — the Disaster Acquisition Response Team (DART) — has been officially brought on board. The DART consists of 18 Administrative Contracting Officers (ACO), seven Quality Assurance Specialist (QAS) and one Administrative Assistant located in Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Oakland and Washington D.C.

DART will provide administrative contracting support for FEMA's disaster contracts including surveillance of contract performance as it occurs in the field and to provide timely closeouts of disaster contracts. The focus will be on already awarded contracts, specifically large task orders issued against prepositioned contracts in disasters to better manage Disaster Relief Funds. The Baton Rouge DART staff will consist of five ACOs and three QASs.

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Calendar

July 9-11: 102nd Annual Meeting of National Governor's Association, Boston.

July 16-20: National Association of Counties Annual Conference, Reno, NV.

July 26: 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

July 25-28: National Conference on Disability Policy, Washington.

Region 6 Advisory Council

Some of the brightest emergency management minds from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas are pooling their years of experience to provide FEMA Region VI with a combined regional, state, local and tribal view on emergency management issues.

These experts represent Region VI's Regional Advisory Council. Members include representatives from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Grapevine, Texas, Fire Department, and 18 other highly respected emergency management professionals.

The council advises the regional administrator on emergency management issues, especially in identifying the region's strengths and weaknesses throughout the disaster lifecycle.

Housing Update

Katrina/Rita:
87 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
16 occupied units

